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LAKESILE MUSINGS.

Oh' the snow, "The Beautiful Snow," Filling the papers where'er we go; Over the latest news over the "ads," Over the cut of the last liver pads:

Leaded. Knocked into "pl,"

Beautiful Snow" evermore meets the eye, Figing to kiss the waste backet's cheek, Lunched on by goats in a frolicsome freak, Makes every editor quake and turn pale,

Oh : the snow, "The Beautiful Snow!" How all the people that wrote it blow; Claiming each verse as their own priceless ge Nemests waits for the last one of them Writing.

Always on hand, As proud as a colt in the rear of a band; And even the dogs, with a bark and a bounce saiff the air in disclain when a poet's around, The town is alive, and a mignty poor show Would be given the author of 'Resutiful snot riow the wild crowd rices swaying along. Each with a copy, well kept, of the song, How the smart critics mount four flights of stairs. Tackling the editors in squads and in pairs,

Blowing.

Up-stairs they go.
To reli what they know about Beautiful Snow, onstant Subsciber' is therefrom Racine.
"Reader," Scrutator," and 'Vindex, I ween, Then to them all speak the editor bold. Don't get rattled; it's you, and not me that'

"Once I was pure as the snow-but I dropped: Dropped like the snowflake--until I was stop-Dropped, till the sidewalk and I contesced: Dropped, as the red on was disking to rest,

Snorting. Dreading to rise. With anguish at neart and with tears in my eyes Mourning the fave that had landed me there, Chillied by the blast of the keen winter air.

Merciful God! what a terrible blow To slip and tall down on the beautiful snow, How strange it should be that this beautiful

How stange it would be it, in Christmas-tide's

glow. We should find the rear wither of Beautiful Freezing.

Dying atone; Would we give him a crust, or a well-polished Not much! we would instantly kill him, then Wrap him up in the work of his miguided pen Let us get out our shotpuns an I cheerfuly go

-Chicago Tribune.

Herbert Thornton;

"TRIED AS BY FIRE." BY W. MAXWELL.

CHAPTER IV. (CONTINUED.)

When Herbert sank unconscious under a blow during the melee with the gamblers, help was near at hand. The bell cord touched by the clerk commu-Directly west of the Parcell's House nicated not only with the Captain's state room, but also with the lower deck and rang an alarm understood only by the the trusty crew of the boat. That signal said "help wanted in the cabin at once." The bell had scarcely stopped vibrating before the Captain backed by half a dozen resolute men was at the door and rushing in. just as Herbert fell, they soon had the three gamblers disarmed and tightly bound hand and foot. Herbert was stunned but not suriously injured and in a few moments was restored to consciousness. The Major and the little clerk had both escaped with but a few bruises and scratches. The blow which Hebert received had been intended for the Major, and with an old time Virginian's sense of gratitude, his thanks and protestations toward Herbert were none the less sincere because profuse and elaborate.

"Command me! My dear sir Command me, for any favor you may desire, and I shall only be to happyonly too happy---to render it sir! Yes sir! Yes sir!"

Herbert, modestly disciaimed any merit, for the slight service he had rendered the Major, but the latter insisted that Herbert had acted as a full blooded "Virginia gentleman" would have acted under similar circumstances; a wonderful concession on the part of the Major, considering that Herbert had been so unfortunate as to be born north of "Mason and Dixon's line."

The Major was one of those high strung, sensitive men, who cannot rest under any sense of obligation to another without expressing it. As Herbert kindly but firmly refused to "drink" with the Major, the latter would not be satisfied until he had pressed upon Herbert a gift, in the shape of a handsome seal ring, with the promise that should he under any circumstances need help in any shape, that he would at once call up the Major. "And if you ever come within a dozen miles of my plantation-Maplewoodwithout stopping to see me sah! I

shall never forgive you sir."

Hopkinsville, his new home. embarking. As the bow of the boat himself or his purposes, neither could debted to the United States, when the signal and with two powerful kicks source yet it was current nevertheless. 000,000; and attempts will be made the boat caught by the current and no shouldered blacksmith, had come to taken the matter in hand and although dropped back from the shore and was sober, industrious and a splendid good many men here in Washington, was not deep and though he disap- ford, all of whose work from his peared for a moment, he came to the mills and factory and farm went to

left the island far in its wake.

CHAPTER V.

DAN THE BLACKSMITH.

The three strangers who stopped at Bartonville seemed to be in no hurry to depart. The little lawver Slyman Fox, had soon formed an extensive acquaintance in the community, especially in business circles. The report soon got abroad that he represented large moneyed interests that might be induced to invest in Bartonville property should he recommend such invest-

What the nature, amount or exten

derstood, notwithstanding the volubility and apparent candor of that gentleman. To Col. Sanford these repre- business with me! You are perishing resident interests. Colonel Sanford was too shrewd a man to be led blindtion, did not commit himself to any endorsement of the wonderful schemes proposed by that worthy. The lawyer spent much of his time riding over the adjacent country and in addition to his manufacturing enterprises, spoke confidentially to certain large land owners fostered and built up, all of which was of the county and no end of gain to the fortunate owners of real estate in all that region. Under these circumstances it was not many days before Mr. Slayman Fox was on intimate terms with half of the leading people of the community.

The florid traveler who had registered at the Eagle as Jacob Smith during the week that followed his advent in Bartonville, had spent most of his time about the livery stables of which there were several in the place, and had become a fast friend of some of the loafers generally found at such places, in the absence of the saloon. Bartonville had long since banished the latter institution, but the knowing ones were at no loss for spiritual comfort of a fluid nature, in an emergency, and it was of this particular class that our friend of the loud voice, illuminated nose and gaudy neck tie, found appreciative listeners and fast friends.

transferred to his rooms, may have had something to do with his popularity.

While the business and sporting circles of Bartonville were thus thrown tween two neighbors in the fourth to the United States for the Coast Surinto a mild fever of excitement by the ward. One of the families owns a vey. The other two tenements, orige to kiss a young man who, though not advent of the two worthies mentioned good snow shovel.-Newark Call. above the social and fashionable class Herbert ascertained that Maplewood dark eyed visitor who brought such ex- England.—Rockland Courier Gazette. Ames wisely concluded to vacate his five dollars.—Philadelphia Call.

was less than a day's journey from cellent credentials and letters of introduction that he was at once admitted The gamblers were unceremoniously without question to Bartonville's most carried to the lower deck, where they scleet society. He did not sojourn long sullenly waited whatever disposition at the "Eagle." Indeed, the second or the captain of the steamer chose to third day after his arrival he removed land grants by this Congress, importmake of them. At midnight the low his baggage to the aristocratic private ant legislation is called for on the inshores of a reedy island, scarcely more | boarding house of Mrs. Mudge, situat- debtedness to the United States by the than a sand bar, in the centre of the ed in a quiet and eminently respecta- Pacific railroads, which have received river, came, into view; the engines ble quarter of the village. It was not subsidies amounting on the first day stopped and the huge gang plank was long in becoming current that Mr. of July last, to \$102,376, 312. Under pushed out over the bow of the boat Hewitt was not only a wealthy but also the provisions of what is known as the The three gambiers were unbound, and a distinguished gentleman, seeking whurman act, twenty-five per cent. of each, between two burly deck hands, quiet and health by a sojourn in Bar- the net earnings of each road is applied were led to the gangway, with instructionville. Nobody had ever heard Mr. to the payment of its debt. This will tions to "assist" their charges in dis- Hewitt make any such statement of leave the eight principal companies in-

impatient joy by the little folks. Ten years before, one dark and stormy night, Col. Sanford, while sitting before his library fire, reading, long after all the household had retired, heard a knock at the front door. Not wishing to disturb or arouse the family he took his lamp, and answered the pall n person. The caller proved to be a strange man with a "startled. bunted is one would from an expected blow.

"Come in, sir, come in! it you have years ago. The broadchested, blacksmith,

to result in a wonderful improvement difficulty in reading it for he turned at formation, etc. So great are the once to his visitor and clasping his hand heartily bade him be seated.

and warm yourselt without fear or apprehension," said the Colonel, then bidding his guest wait a moment, went to the kitchen and returned a few mothe half-starved man, Later, when his lowly guest had satisfied his hunger Col. Samord listened to Dan's story. It was told modestly and in simple but strong language; but was as thrilling as ever penned by a Scott or a

That story had never been told to less pocket some inyone in Bartonville, save Col. Sanford. The man proved true and hon- by acting as counsel for some of those

TO BE CONTINUED.

Advances are now being made towards patching up the differences be-

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, '84

Besides reclaiming several forfeited sweng in to the shore, the captain gave the story be traced to any these bonds become due, at least \$75. the first was landed far up the bank; Having thus domiciled our three to force the railroads this winter to acthe next was sent sprawling into the worthies we will ask the reader to go cept some scheme for the payment of sand and mud. The third was more back with us for ten years. Ten years this debt, or for giving security that it unfortunate than his companions, for before a dark-skinned, brawny, broad will be paid. Senator Edmunds has longer responsive to the helm gradually Bartonville, and opened a shop. He the railroad companies virtually own a he was toppled into the tur- workman. People wondered why he they cannot escape his relentless debid waters Fortunately the water was such a favorite with Col. San-termination. The insolence of these results.

made his way up the bank, to his com- Daniel Denny was the name, but peo. Congress and the whole power of the fruit growing. ple long since dubbed hun "Black. Government, setting their own pleas-"Go ahead" was shouted by the smith Dan," and so he was known to ure as the full measure of their liability, lars when he desires to ingratiate him- them charged.

clerk, Members of the house have been lightly across the pavement and enterlook in the eyes, and who bore the themselves secretaries also. But while wanted them for a sick friend, and and Atchison will be the only cities marks of exposure and a certain cow- nearly every member is really in favor people who can buy hot-house straw. which defy the law. ering and shrinking away from the gaze of the proposition, few would dare to vote for it, because as one Representations of the proposition, few would dare to about the price. Such berries as those vote for it, because as one Representations of the proposition vote for it, because, as one Representation in midwinter bring anywhere from \$ tative said to-day, it would be fatal to to \$15 a quart. Exacting invalids ing to get something from the inner their future prospects. It would result with wealthy friends are very good pocket of a coarse and tattered jacket. similarly to the salary grab of tea customers, though we sometimes re-

to take a milling or manufacturing di- self, said Colonel Sanford as he saw in its true light. To them a clerk for cost of the luxury. A few days ago rection with a powerful "Joint Stock that the man was too chilled to find every Congressman would seem a of splendid berries and they cost her Association" composed of prominent what he was searching for, or to tell his great piece of extravagance at public just \$45. crizens like the Colonel, to represent business in an intelligible manner. The expense. They think a member of "Here are some grapes," continued stranger followed Col. Sanford to his Congress has almost nothing to do but the dealer, indicating a box of fine warm library where a cheerful fire to draw his pay and attend to the little fold into any sudden speculation and blazed in an old fashioned fire requests which they have to make of if you prefer, we can fill your order for hence while he listened to the lit- place. The cowering figure that them. When one constituent writes a crate of peaches at \$1 per peach tle lawyer's flowery flights of imagina- stood over the blazing logs making some request which will proba- No sir, no discount if you take a cart and warmed his benumbed hands bly occupy an hour or two of the Mem- load. They are \$12 a dozen and we cess of building up a fabric of mental would scarcely be recognized as the ber's time, he does not realize that Dan" of later years, the jolly sunny, perhaps fitty others in the district are time of year. doing the same thing at the same time, "What do you think of those?" ask-Warmed into something like com- and that every Congressman receives ed the dealer in extravagant luxuries part of the regular furniture of the fort the man drew a letter from an in- from twenty-live to thirty letters per as he produced a pair of large ripe toner pocket and handed it to Col. San- day, which not only have to be answerof timber and mining interests to be ford. The letter was written in cipn- ed, but which often require trips to "Those are samples of a lot that are er but evidently the Colonel had no some of the departments for certain in- just going to a lady on Walnut street.

DEMANDS UPON MEMBERS

"You are safe here my triend. Rest in this way, that if they attend to all correspondence properly they must "What other extortionate allureneglect their legislative duties and ments can you offer?" ventured the recommittee work. It would really be porter, economy on the part of the people to ments later loaded with a generous allow each Representative a clerk to supply of food, which he put before answer his letters and attend to these minor duties while he looked after and informed himself concerning public that he was looking for a watermelon, interests and the various questions upon which he is required to vote. There berries out of season. would then be less hasty and ill-advised legislation.

est and the Colonel purchased him an who are to be overhauled by the inoutfit of tools, and thus it was that vestigating committees. The General blamed proud of his production, or profit. T S. CLOUSTIN, M. D., Popul Dan the blacksmith came to be a citt- has already several irons in the fire. else he thinks we don't know how to ular Science Monthly. zen of Bartonville. Events are now One is a proposinon to make the do it-in either of which cases he's way rapidly transpiring that will make it United States pay largely for the Potonecessary that Dan's history should mac water now in use under an old The fact that an occasional package be told. Till that time comes we manufacturing privilege located at the came up from Henderson, marked must ask the kind readers of the Great Falls, in which General Cushing I talked with her for upwards of ten ship. He is reported to have replied: er project is to sell

chair there. So it is now proposed to lease or to sell the whole establishment to the general Covernment to be used as committee rooms. They would be very inconvenient for this purpose, as fice boy, who took down the jokes. during the closing hours of the session | The paper appeared as usual, and the members are often summoned from their committee rooms to vote.

DOM PEDRO.

Always Room Ep-stairs.

When a young man consulted Daniel Webster as to the probabilities of of the dying editor. success in the legal profession, his reply was this: "There is always room the poor wife and the weeping child-

value of that pithy saying as applied to enough for the next issue, and I can't them. The general feeling is that the stand it to be left in the lurch this way. farmer's life is dull and uninteresting, with no very brilliant possibilities.

but is not so from absolute necessity. disposition to be unreliable is sucking Brilliant successes are found in every the life from American institutions. state in this Union, and more would succeed if they would aim at higher

By way of stimulating thought and "for we often hear of seal's kin." effort I desire to submit the following surface sputtering, and cursing, and the shop of the new blacksmith-Dan. is amazing. They dely the acts of extract, showing what is done in fancy

From the Philadelphia Times. captain, and "go ahead" like an echo the majority of his tellow neighbors but there are signs that this sort of a fashionble dressed lady, as she stamp- while that I can't kill him." passed down the speaking tube from and friends. "Dan" had never married, thing will have to end before long, ed the snow from her overshoes and the pilot to the engine room, the great but lived alone, in a little room cut off The lobby maintained by them here is glanced up anxiously at the proprietor last duty of a humorist is to his paper. of a Chestnut street fruit store yester. Give me another joke, Jim.' wheels commenced churning the water from his shop, but his solitary life had very strong, but gradually losing its day. The dealer replied by stepping "The other day," muttered the ediinto foam and the huge boat again be- not made him morose or unkind. He grip. One of these lobbyists has an behind the counter, whence, produc- tor, "an old bachelor dropped his talse came "like a thing of life," and soon was the fast friend of every boy and attractive daughter, who goes into so- ing a box carefully covered, he began teeth into the river. They will doubtin Bartonville, and a visit to Dan's ciety and extends civilities to the wives to remove from it a succession of warm less float down to the mouth." shop was always looked forward to with and daugnters of members, while he operation with a look of great satisfacgives them lunches and good liquor. tion, and when the removal of the lid Another first class lobbyist is renown- finally disclosed a score of huge straw- men-" but he died without finishing ed as a poker player, and never hesi- berries nestling in a quart box in all the sentence, and the proprietor, turntates about losing a few hundred dol- their luscious beauty she seemed per- ing to the doctor, said: "If it hadn't

"That quart of berries will cost that tries to take liberties with the press. Since the adoption of a resolution lady just twelve dollars," said the fruit- - Arkansaw Traveler. by the Senate giving each Senator a erer, as the fair customer stepped en her carriage, bearing her high- In Topeka a late election shuts up the discussing the propriety of allowing priced treasures in triumph. "She lawless saloons, and soon Leavenworth ceive larger orders from extravagant society people, who must have some strawberries to grace their board at a sentations seemed to indicate a desire with cold? Come in and warm your- at home do not understand the matter fashionable dinner, regardless of the we sold a Philadelphia lady five quarts

Muscatels. "We can sell you a limited quantity of those at \$6 a pound; or

matoes and surveyed their fine proportions with the eve of an epicure. Their price did you ask? Well, there's no profit in it for us, but she is an old customer and we shall let her have them at 80 cents a pound. It is only an accommodation, however."

"Oh! we have hot-house pears, Ital-

ian oranges, pomegranates-"Any watermelons?" "No. sir: no watermelons. Sorry I can't show you one,"

tery particles."-Oil City Derrick. An exchange comes to us with a poem entitled "How to Kiss," marked probable requirements in future life in blue pencil. Either the author is might be a pleasure and a lasting

off.—Burlington Free Press. "I think she is indeed a charming girl, sonal friend why he did not give a son and such a brilliant conversationalist! of his the post of a private secretarysecured a controlling interest. Anoth- minutes the other evening, and we 'I think to much of my boy to start didn't refer to the weather but just him riding on the top of a bubble. He

inally designed for Senator Butler, of a blood relation, is connected with the

A Dying Humorist.

The editor of a humorous paper was taken sick. While he struggled with the fires of fever he dictated to the ofproprietor had no cause for complaint-The next week it was impossible for the editor to do any joking. The violence of his disease had increased, and the physicians had pronounced his recovery impossible. When the proprietor was apprised of the discouraging state of affairs, he rushed to the house

"He's dying," said the doctor; and ren gathered around in a circle of Farmers and those who till the soil gloom, "Hold on!" demanded the proprietor, advancing to the bedside. enerally have but Ittle idea of the "He must not die. There isn't copy If a man's fully bent on dying, why doesn't he get up enough copy to last for a year or so, until the reputation of This may be true as a present fact, the paper is tairly established? This "Here Jim," addressing the humorist, 'give me a joke."

"Relationship is preserved even among animals," muttered the editor,

"All right; give me another." "Here!" exclaimed the physician, this is my patient, and I am here to see that he dies properly. If you insist on his getting off such gags. he'll "Have you my strawberries?" asked get so far beyond my control after a

"He may be your patient, but the

"All right, Iim. Now give me a

"The recent convention of Irishfeetly happy. She took them and had been for your blamed foolishness I'd got another paragraph. Everybody

The prohibition movement is wax-

I am no educationalist and may be

accused of speaking about what I am ignorant of it I suggest that too many things are taught at the same time, and ton-much time is taken for the whole process. Think of an undeveloped brain getting up book knowledge on ten different subjects all the same day, and this going on day after day for years. It is altogether contrary to the principles of a sound psychology to to imagine that any sort of mental process, worthy of the name of thinkng can take place in that brain while that is going on. The natural tendency of a good brain at that age to be inquisitive and receptive is glutted to more than satiety. The natural prosell them 'straight,' without exception. completeness by having each new fact Cucumbers also cost \$1 a piece at this and observation looked in at in different ways and having it suggest other facts and ideas and then settle down as a mind, cannot possibly go in where new facts are shoveled in by the hundred day by day. The effect of this is bad on boys but it is worse on girls because it is more alien to their mental constitution. The effect on them of this unnatural process is to exhaust the nervous power at the time, and to leave the brain filled with useless things that are soon forgotten and pass away, as Goethe said about professional men : they labor under a great disadvantage in not being allowed to be ignorant of what is to them useless. The vital energies and nervous power that had been thus thrown away should have gone toward a feminine equipment of a healthy, well-developed body, a mind built up and stored with knowledge that had a relation to its own nature and to the wants of its future life, affections not attenuated by scolastic routine and a cheerfulness that is only compatible with good health. The The high school girl does not call it cramming up of the dry facts of those Ex-Governor Ben Butler will doubt- "the beautiful snow," but "the lovely many subjects is in most cases a wearitransparent crystals of congealed wa- ness and pain while intelligent study of the one third of them selected on account of their fitness to the mental constitution of the learner, or her

> Some days ago Governor Robinson "Yes," said the society young man, of Massachusetts, was asked by a proonce during the whole time.-Lowell has got to prepare for a solid and useful career in life. Besides I do not in-"Sweet Sixteen" asks if it is wicked tend to fit out my whole family with

The London College of Chemistry, Dr. Deems says "Kissing is a pure- Massachusetts, and his son-in-law Sen- family by marriage. Whether it is at its recent graduation, launched upalso enjoyed its own particular sensaalso enjoyed its own particular sensation in the person of Mr. John Hewitt, of the water we suppose it was a custoff the water wat the distinguished looking, aristocratic tom imported from our own beloved ed the Senate chamber, while Senator We would not kiss a young man for wrong dose from such fair hands.— Lowell Citizen.